MODIFIED PTO/SB/31 (07-09) Approved for use through 07/31/2012. OMB 0651-0031 Docket Number NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO Q116798 THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES Confirmation Number 6451 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being In re Application of facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with Andreas I FNDI FIN. et al. the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage Application Number Filed as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, 10/560.539 June 19, 2006 VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] For June 23, 2011 BIODEGRADABLE STENTS Signature Art Unit Examiner Typed or printed name 3734 SHUBERT, CHRISTOPHER Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1)) \$540.00 ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: Payment by credit card. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22) is enclosed. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373 I am the □ applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Joseph J. Ruch, Jr. ☐ Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form.) Typed or printed name PTO/SB/96) attorney or agent of record. (202) 293-7060 Registration number 26,577 Telephone number

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